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(54) Short range wireless communication

(57) Systems and methods for a communication system implementing a short range communication link between devices advertising available information and services, and user devices which may initiate a request for further information or services. The communication system provides a low power solution utilizing an optimized combination of a carrier sensing and frequency division multiple access to avoid collisions. The optimization involves the use of a random mean zero value offset appended to the advertising devices' transmission frames. The offset increases the likelihood that a first

advertising device will recognize the transmissions of another advertiser's transmissions (i.e., determining that a channel is busy) and avoid unnecessary transmissions that will result in collisions. Upon recognition, the first advertiser may shift its transmission frame accordingly, thereby avoiding transmission collisions between advertisers. The communication system may be implemented in either a StandAlone LowRate system, or in a device with a pre-existing operational Bluetooth implementation.



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1. claims: 1-12, 20,23

Short range wireless communication with transmission of periodic advertisement messages based on the measurement of an energy level on an initialisation channel.

2. claims: 13-19, 21,22

Short range wireless communication using an initialisation channel and a unicast channel.

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